

Community Planners Committee

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CPC DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Connelly, City Heights (CH)

Pat Stark, Downtown (D)

Nicholas Reed, Clairemont (CL)

David Swarens, Greater Golden Hill (GH)

David Moty, Kensington/Talmadge (KT)

John Shannon, La Jolla (LJ)

Jeffrey L. Stevens, Mira Mesa (MM)

John Nugent, Mission Valley (MV)

Daniel Smith, Navajo (N)

Jim Baross, Normal Heights (NH)

Dennis Campbell, North Park (NP)

Mark Freed, Otay, Mesa (OM)

Henish Pulickal, Pacific Beach (PB)

Victoria Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo (RB)

Jon Becker, Rancho Peñasquitos (RP)

Wally Wulfeck, Scripps Ranch (SR)

Guy Preuss, Skyline/Paradise Hills (SPH)

Robert Leif, Southeastern (SE)

VOTING INELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS: Del Mar Mesa, Encanto, Mid-Way, Ocean Beach, Serra Mesa, Tierrasanta, Torrey Pines

Guests: None signed in

City Staff/Representatives: Nancy Graham, Tony Kempton, Patricia Duenas

NOTE: *The sign-in sheets provided at the entrance to the meeting are used to list CPC Representatives, guest speakers, and staff present at the meeting.*

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair David Moty called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and proceeded with roll call.

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3. MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

With no objections, chair Moty approved the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2017:

Clairemont amended November minutes with information that Naveen Waney represents Clairemont not College. Ayes: SE, PB, MM, D, NP, CH, CL, GH, RP, OM, RB, MV, SR, SPH. Abstaining: LJ, KT, NH, N.

5. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT – Action Item

Melissa Garcia, Senior Planner, Planning Department gave a presentation on amendments to the General Plan Element that governs Public Facilities, Services and Safety. Melissa was joined by Fire Marshall Doug Perry. Garcia said Senate Bill 1241 was passed in 2012 and requires jurisdictions with very high fire hazard severity zones to comply with Gov. Code, § 65302, subd. (g)(3), which states that on the next update of the Housing Element on or after January 14, the Safety Element shall be reviewed as necessary to address risk of fire in the very high fire severity zones. The Safety Element must contain goals, policies and objectives

that protect the community from unreasonable risk of wild fire. After the element is drafted it must be reviewed by the state board of Forestry and Fire Protection. The state board may review and recommend changes to the draft. The Resource Protection Committee of the State Board of Forestry reviewed the draft, did not recommend any changes and forwarded it on to the full state board for approval. Following the CPC vote the amendment goes to the Planning Commission, Smart Growth and Land Use Committee, and finally the for approval by the City Council. The Land Use Planning Program Guidebook provided by Cal Fire was used in the preparation of this legislation. Cal Fire staff also collaborated. The City has a comprehensive approach to fire protection, with safety addressed in the General Plan, the Municipal Code and Emergency Preparedness Guides, such as the Ready Set Go Wild Fire Action Guide. The new policies are located in a new section of the General Plan called Wild Fire Planning.

Board comment followed, and many asked questions to Fire Marshal Perry about general firefighting and protection services in San Diego. Some members reported omissions of fire stations in the draft amendment, which staff said they would look into. CL motioned to approve, seconded by SE. Ayes: SE, PB, MM, D, NP, LJ, CL, GH, RP, OM, RB, NH, CH, MV, SR, N, SPH. Abstention: KT

6. REPORTS TO CPC:

- Staff Report: Nancy Graham, Senior Planner, Planning Department, reported that the Planning Department Director, Jeff Murphy, is leaving for the City of Murrietta. Nancy reported that the City's Free Street Tree program will plant a street tree for free in an identified space. The only requirement is that the City requires the requestor to water the tree for three years. There are still 1,600 trees remaining to be planted for this year. Nancy asked that CPC members mention the program at their next board meeting, to meet a goal of getting tree requests in by March 31, 2018. To get a free tree email: TSW_FreeTrees@sandiego.gov or call 619-527-7500. Both businesses and residences may request a tree and the specimens are neighborhood appropriate. Nancy mentioned that next month's CPC meeting will take place in the Committee Room adjacent to Council Chambers on the twelfth floor of the City Administration building. The Silver Room is also not available for CPC meetings every July and for that reason the Committee Room has been reserved. Nancy also suggested the CPC members consider meeting in August instead of being dark then and not meeting in July, thereby avoiding the availability issue of the Silver Room.
- Subcommittee Reports: None
- Chairperson's Report: None
- CPC Member Comments: Several members expressed frustration in dealing with marijuana processing and dispensary applications, as well as concerns about the facilities themselves. Mark Freed said four such applicants expressed confusion at having been urged by their DPM's to present to the OM CPG without having sufficient background to respond to questions from the public. Nancy Graham explained to the CPC members that Planning Groups are to schedule project applicants in a timely manner in the order that they are received (just as you do with other land use projects). The Planning Groups are to review these applications to identify if the use presented is consistent with the use identified in their community plan. Planning Groups are allowed to conditionally approve applications pending consistency with all development regulations including the provisions for sensitive receptors.

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING: FEBRUARY 27, 2018

The meeting was adjourned by Chair David Moty at 8:05 PM